

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims, certain definitions have been added, several of the original dependent claims have placed into independent form and new dependent claims 10 and 11 have been added which relate to certain aspects of the invention within the scope of the original multiple dependent claims. Furthermore, new claims 12-14 have been added and relate to a more specific method that is supported by the specification such as in the passage beginning at page 21, line 10. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicant reserves the right to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

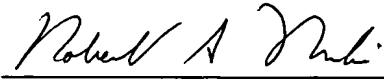
Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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